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GREATER PROTECTION AFFORDED BLOOMINGTON THANKS TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Kearney, Neb., May 25, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a community facility grant of \$13,500 to the Village of Bloomington, Neb. Funds will replace the Village's emergency/early warning system to provide greater emergency and hazardous weather alert to the entire community of nearly 125 rural residents. Siren will have control system that allows for activation by proper authorities. Village is contributing \$4,570 towards the project.

"The Village is very thankful for the help USDA Rural Development has provided in purchasing a new siren system for our community. The residents feel more secure by knowing that they have a reliable and dependable alert system in case of any kind of emergency. On behalf of the Village we say thank you," stated Lawrence Waring, chairperson for the Village of Bloomington.

"It is a great pleasure to help Bloomington to improve their emergency siren system," stated Glen Gatz, community programs specialist for USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development has helped bring greater emergency alert and protection to rural residents in many communities like Bloomington."

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